

Notices:

- ❖ Every service is a "Family Service". Children of all ages are welcome and will have something to help us out with if they want to. Carrying the cross, the offering plate round, even giving us lovely sounds of baby chatter (it's not crying to us). There is a children's corner too.
- ❖ Baptism does not have to wait, kindly contact us to fix a date.

In Our Community: News & Events

Save the date – 29 March St Andrew's

The Reverend Doctor Cally Hammond, Dean and Fellow of Gonville and Caius in Cambridge will give us a Lent talk, starting at Noon in church to be followed by a Lent lunch. More details to follow.

Lent Course

St Andrew's and Holy Cross will re run (on Zoom) Michael McAdam's Lent course each morning (except Sundays) in Lent, starting on 5 March (Ash Wednesday) and finishing on 17 April (Maundy Thursday). More details on 'NOTICES' page of the website.

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Sunday 23 February 2025. 2 Before Lent (Proper 3) @ St Andrew's Much Hadham The Benefice of Albury, Little Hadham & Much Hadham We Are Living God's Love

*Our Church is for more than
"hatched, matched, dispatched & jingle bells".
It is our history, handed over to us by our
grandparents for our grandchildren.
Keep it alive. Attend & support your church.*

Bank details:

Much Hadham Parochial Church Council
(Registered Charity no. 1152748)

Sort code: 20-36-98 A/C No. 20000078



Archdeacon Janet Mackenzie will be leading us in worship today. Please stay for refreshments & catching up after the service.

Looking Ahead: February into March

Thursday 27 February 2025 10:00 am

Mid-Week Holy Communion CANCELLED

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Sunday 2 March 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Cecilia's Little Hadham

Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025 7:30 pm

Holy Communion + Imposition of Ashes

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Sunday 9 March 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Mary's Albury

Sunday 16 March 2025 9:15 am

Benefice Holy Communion

@ St Andrew's Much Hadham

Afternoon tea on the first Sunday every month,

3 - 5 pm at Albury Village Hall.

Much Hadham Baby and Toddler Group meets on

Tuesdays in term time 9.30- 11.30 in Much Hadham Village Hall.

Please Keep In Our Prayers:



Stuart Saggars

Peter Radley

Joanne Luxford

Margaret Radley

David Stroud

Tamsin Farrell

And the bereaved families of:

John Webb

Our Hymns for this service are:

Opening: A&M 546 O Lord My God When I . . .

Gradual: A&M 629 Father Hear The Prayer We . . .

Offertory: A&M721 Love Divine All Loves Excelling.

Closing: A&M676 Immortal Invisible God Only Wise.

We Pray The Collect Together:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We Listen To God's Word

Psalm 65

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

² **To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.**

³ Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.

⁴ **With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

⁵ In your strength you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.

⁶ **You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.**

⁷ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

⁸ **You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous.**

⁹ The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness and the hills be girded with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this. ² At once I

was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³ And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶ and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty who was and is and is to come. ⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹ You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created. This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 8.22-25

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, Let us go across to the other side of the lake. So they put out, ²³ and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴ They went to him and woke him up, shouting, Master, Master, we are perishing! And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, where is your faith? They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer: Read by the Celebrant.